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(SUMMARY) HAVANA--AN EDITORIAL, TITLED "TARDY CONFESSIONS," APPEARS TODAY IN THE NEWSPAPER EL MUNDO OF THIS CAPITAL. THE EDITORIAL NOTES THE CONFESSION MADE BY THE SO-CALLED PRESIDENT OF GUATEMALA IN WHICH HE ADMITS THE DIRECT PARTICIPATION OF HIS GOVERNMENT IN THE TRAINING OF MERCENARIES WHO WERE PAID BY NORTH AMERICAN IMPERIALISM AND DEFEATED BY THE CUBAN PEOPLE AT PLAYA GIRON.

EL MUNDO, REFERRING ALSO TO THE STATEMENTS OF THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY--CIA--ALLEN W. DULLES, SAID: "TARDILY, THEY HAVE DECIDED TO PUBLICLY CONFESS THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT OF INVASION OF OUR COUNTRY, WHICH INVASION WAS DESTROYED AT PLAYA GIRON."

THE PAPERS SAYS: "WHILE DULLES HAS LIMITED HIMSELF TO CONFESSING THAT THE INVASION WAS A PROJECT OF THE ORGANIZATION HE DIRECTED AS WELL AS A FAILURE, SENOR YDIGORAS HAS USED A BOASTFUL TONE. HE PRESENTED HIS GOVERNMENT AS JUST A LITTLE LESS THAN THE PROMOTER OF THE INVASION, AND, STRANGE BUT TRUE, AFFIRMED CURIOUSLY ENOUGH THAT WHAT HAPPENED AT PLAYA GIRON WAS 'A TACTICAL DEFEAT, BUT BY MAKING AN INVENTORY OF THE RESULTS OBTAINED, IT CAN BE SEEN THAT IT WAS TRUE VICTORY, LIKE THE NAVAL BATTLE OF JUTLAND BETWEEN THE GERMANS AND BRITISH IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR.'"

REFERRING FURTHER TO THE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE GUATEMALAN PRESIDENT TO THE EFFECT THAT, AFTER THE INVASION, THE WAR MONGERING ACTIVITIES BY CASTRO OUTSIDE CUBA HAD CEASED, THE PAPER SAYS: "SENIOR YDIGORAS DISTORTS THE TRUTH, AS IS HIS WANT. AL OF LATIN AMERICA KNOWS THAT THERE NEVER EXISTED THE WARMONGERING ACTIVITIES TO WHICH HE REFERS. THEY ONLY EXISTED IN HIS DARK AND TWISTED MIND."

THE PAPER ACCUSES THE PRESIDENT OF GUATEMALA OF RESORTING TO ILLEGAL METHODS OF REPRESSION EACH TIME THE GUATEMALAN PEOPLE, OR SOME OPPOSING POLITICAL LEADER, GIVE EVIDENCE OF BEING IN DISAGREEMENT WITH HIS "CORRUPT GOVERNMENT."

THE PAPER REFERRED TO YDIGORAS' COMPLAINT THAT, WHILE HIS GOVERNMENT MAINTAINED SILENCE, THE NORTH AMERICANS, GOING INTO HYSTERICS AND FORGETTING EVEN THE SIMPLEST NORMS OF RESERVE, WENT SO FAR AS TO MENTION THE NAME OF GUATEMALA AS THE TRAINING POINT AND ORIGIN OF THE INVASION. "SUCH EFFRONTERY HAD NEVER BEEN SEEN BEFORE," YDIGORAS MOURNED.

THE PAPER CONCLUDES BY SAYING THAT THE COMPLAINT BY YDIGORAS AGAINST HIS ASSOCIATES IN THE STEALTHY ATTACK AGAINST CUBA IS SURPRISING AND INCONGRUOUS. THE PAPER SAYS THAT SENOR YDIGORAS APPEARS TO BE IGNORANT OF THE FACT THAT NO CREDENCE CAN BE GIVEN TO THE OLD SPANISH AXIOM WHICH SPEAKS OF HONOR AMONG SCOUNDRELS.